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Corps Order by Lieut.-Col. A.
Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

Private J. E. Meyer joined the Corps on
6.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1985 and is
posted to Right Section No. 3. Private
W. J. Jameson joined the Corps on
7.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1986 and
posted to Left Section No. 1. Private
R. M. McJannet joined the Corps on
7.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1987 and is
posted to Right Section No. 3. Private
H. E. Jameson joined the Corps on
7.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1988 and is
posted to Left Section No. 1. Private
L. S. Rapley joined the Corps on
7.4.16, is allotted Corps No. 1989 and is
posted to No. 2 Section Artillery Battery.

This Range is allotted to the Royal
Engineers on the following dates:—10th,
14th and 17th April—12 noon to 2.30 p.m.
and 20th April—11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PARADES FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10.
7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.—Members of
Signalling Section and other Signallers, as
detailed in Signalling Section order dated
8.12.15. Messengers, Bag and Morse lamp
practice at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. No. 2 Section Scouts Co.—
Inspection of arms, ammunition, equip-
ment and uniform at Headquarters. Dress
etc. Khaki drill jacket and shirt, great
coat (trousers, puttees, brown boots, cap,
sidearm, bandolier, belt, four
pouches, 150 rounds ball ammunition,
haversack and waterbottle. At this parade
two shirts will be issued to each member
of the section.

PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

On the same days as this week, except
Scouts Co. who will parade as follows:
Monday, 10th instant 5.30 p.m.—No. 2
Sec. M. G. drill etc. at Headquarters.
Wednesday, 13th instant 6.00 p.m. No.
1 Sec. M. G. drill etc. at Headquarters.
Thursday 13th instant 5.15 p.m. No. 4
Sec. M. G. drill etc. at Headquarters.
Friday 14th instant 5.15 p.m. No. 3 Sec.
M. G. drill etc. at Headquarters.

The Civil Service Co. will parade in
marching order at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday
13th April at Headquarters for O. C.'s
inspection. Every member of the Co.
including those exempted from attending
drills and those belonging to Belchers
Section, must attend. Dress: Khaki tunic,
helmet, shorts, puttees, black boots full
equipment with haversack, water bottle,
messian, bandolier and greatcoat rolled;
rifle, bayonet and 150 rounds, ball
ammunition. All members to be removed
from arms and ammunition before parade.
At this parade two khaki shirts will be
issued to each member of the Company.
In future the Artillery Battery will
parade on the following days:—Fridays—
Nos. 1 and 2 Sub-sections. Tuesdays—
Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sections.

DETAILS.
On duty until morning of 14th instant—
E. K. V. R.

NEXT FOR DUTY.
April 14th Scouts Company, 15th Scouts
Company, 18th Centre Section M. G. Co.,
17th Civil Service Co., 18th No. 1 Section
Arty. Batty., 19th Left Section M. G. Co.,
20th Right Section M. G. Co., 23rd No. 2
Section Arty. Batty., 24th Scouts Company,
20th Scouts Company, May 1st Scouts Co.,
2nd Scouts Company, 3rd Centre Section
M. G. Co., 4th Civil Service Co.

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DETAILED.

For being absent from the Colony with-
out leave and for failing to arrange for the
performance of Police duties during such
absence, a P.C. of No. 3 Company is
ordered 12 hours Cell's Duty at Central.
For being late for Patrol Duty a P.C.
of No. 2 Company is ordered 1 hour's drill.
PARADES.

Monday, April 10th.—Sections 13 and 14,
Ambulance Recruits, and Maxim Gunners.
Tuesday, April 11.—All Crown Sergeants
and Sergeants of Nos. 3 and 4 Companies
under Company Sergeant Major.

Wednesday, April 12th.—Sections 13
and 14, Recruits and backwashmen of No.
2 Company, Ambulance Recruits, and
Maxim Gunners.
Thursday, April 13th.—Recruits of No.
1 Company.

DETAILS.
All Platoon and Section Commanders
will attend at the D.S.P. office on
Monday, April 10th at 5.30 p.m.

HOUSING PERIODS.
There will be night ride on Monday,
April 10th leaving Station at 8.30 p.m.
Attendance optional.

NO. 2 SECTION.
No. 2 Section will parade in multi with
rifle at Water Police Station at 5.45 p.m.
on Tuesday April 11th.

STAFF.
Inspector Sirdar Khan will in future be
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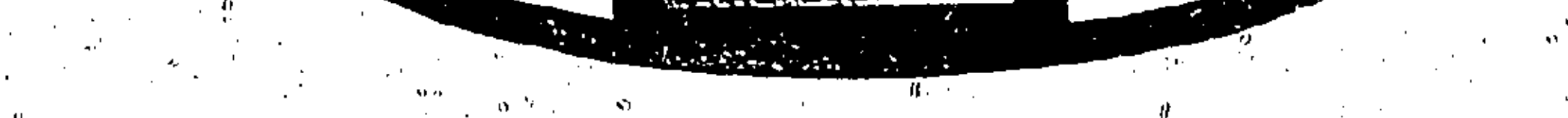


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WASHINGTON, February 28th.
Various lines of trade in the Far East
are being seriously hampered by the great
increase in freight rates on practically all
lines between the Orient and Europe and
the United States, according to a recent
report by United States Consul General
George E. Anderson at Hongkong.

Formal announcement has been made
of a 20 per cent. advance in the rates
between the Far East and the eastern
coast of the United States by way of the
Suez Canal, and shippers have been
informed by the Pacific conference lines
of a similar advance soon to become
effective for trans-Pacific traffic.

While the temporary closing of the
Panama Canal is said by shipping people
to have had some influence upon this
increase, says Consul General Anderson
in his report, "the plain facts seem to
be that ships are needed in other parts
of the world to such a degree that they
will be taken from the Far Eastern run
unless the rates announced can be
obtained and ships be filled at such
advanced rates."

It is known, says the consular
report, "that there are unusually large
rice crops in Indo-China, Siam and
Burma, and the demand for tonnage for
the movement of this crop has stiffened
freights both locally and in world service.
There is, in fact, no element in the
situation promising any weakening in
the demand for vessels. Norwegian ship-
owners, who in some respects reflect best
the general position of shipowners the
world over, are refusing to let their ships
on less than two years' time charter at
rates which are very high, to say the
least. While, for instance, the Nippon
Yusen Kaisha, the chief Japanese line
concerned in European and American
trade, is maintaining a service of eleven
liners and four additional ships, together
with six other ships which return to the
Far East by way of New York, there is
a scarcity of tonnage for Europe at
present, and many commodities which
can move generally at comparatively low
freights only are held up in Far Eastern
ports."

"The most serious phase of the situa-
tion is the effect the high rates are having
upon business generally," the report
continues. "A very large share of
Chinese produce for the United States—

goods moderate in value for their bulk—
raw materials, particularly of the class in
which German firms have succeeded in
building up a good trade in recent years,
cannot be moved under present freight
rates. This not only reduces exports
from the Far East, but at the same time
reduces the buying power of the Chinese
people materially, and affects import trade
just as seriously."

Under normal conditions this situa-
tion would right itself in time, but at
present no reduction in freight rates can
be justified here so long as there is a
demand for vessels elsewhere at high
rates. The situation is particularly
unfortunate for American trade, which
consists so largely of goods in both import
and export lines in which freight rates
are a dominating factor. The export
trade in flour, lumber and machinery,
particularly, will be affected.

As a result of the difficulty in
securing transportation, the rubber and
almagame-gum industries in some parts of
the Philippines are reported seriously
embarrassed, and many of the natives feel
financial distress. Shipments of beans
and similar goods from North China and
Japan to Europe are practically impossible
at present rates. The export of coal from
Japan and Indo-China is reduced fully
10 per cent. by the high cost of freight
alone.

The large shipyards of Hongkong,
under certain conditions, can build ships
as cheaply as any yards in the world.
Usually the necessity of obtaining much
of the steel plate work from abroad, since
steel is not produced here, serves to
counteract many of the advantages the
industry has otherwise in Hongkong, but
in spite of this and the fact that much
of the steel now obtained in Hongkong
is bought at high freight rates and in
competition with American yards, the
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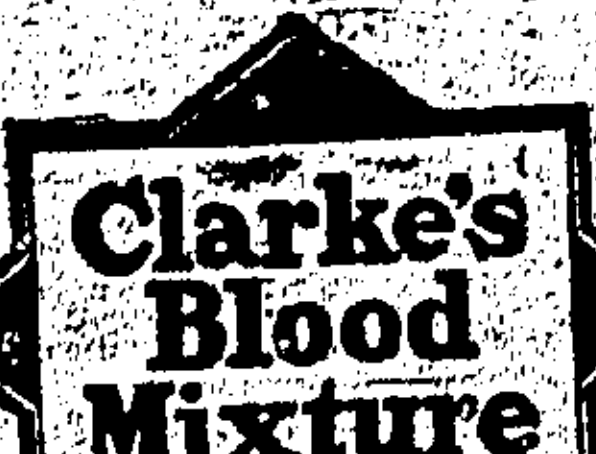
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THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

"NO TRACE OF PEACE"

GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S LAMENT.

Amsterdam, April 7. Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, in an extraordinary speech in the Reichstag yesterday, protesting against the British blockade, and threatening the utmost reprisals, said the speeches of Germany's enemies showed no trace of peace. Mr. Asquith considered the complete and final destruction of Prussian military power a condition preliminary to any peace negotiations.

"We have only one reply to that condition," said the German Chancellor, "and our sword must give it. If our enemies continue the human massacres and devastation of Europe, the blame lies with them. Germany must be solidly protected by the nations. We entered the struggle to defend ourselves. Now the position is changed. To go back is impossible."

He insisted that Poland must be a buffer state and Germany must have guarantees that Belgium will not become a base of France and England. The fate of the Colonies would be decided in the future. The Chancellor insisted that the peace must be a lasting one.

Later, the Chancellor's speech has caused anxiety and dissatisfaction in England, especially the weakness of its references in regard to Belgium.

P. & O. "SIMLA"

RECEIVED SUNK.

London, April 7. The Daily Mail says it is reported that the P. & O. Simla has been sunk in the Mediterranean.

STEAMER SUNK.

London, April 7. The steamer *Marino* has been sunk and all her crew drowned.

"TERRIBLE STRAFING" OF A ZEPPELIN.

London, April 7. People cheered the "terrible strafing" which the gunners gave to a Zeppelin last night on the North-east Coast.

The airship was apparently hit and her nose was seen to dip. Then she disappeared seaward, pursued by searchlights.

THE DOMINIONS AND THE TRADE CONFERENCE.

London, April 7. Mr. Asquith, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said he would gladly use the Australian Premier's services at the Trade Conference in Paris, but Mr. Hughes was leaving the country before the Conference could be held.

Mr. Hughes, however, states that the date of his departure is not yet fixed and his arrangements would not prevent his attendance at the Conference.

THE PAYMENT OF M.P.'S.

London, April 7. In the House of Commons a proposal by Sir F. Banbury against payment of members of the House of Commons was defeated by 237 votes to 22.

Mr. Bonar Law strongly deprecated raising such party questions in war time in order to embarrass the Government.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

BOWEN complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

THE DANGERS OF THE NORTH SEA.

DUTCH REFUSAL TO TRANSPORT INCAPACITATED PRISONERS.

London, April 7. The Dutch Government has notified the British Government that the passage of the North Sea is so dangerous that it is unable to undertake the transport of the exchanged British and German incapacitated prisoners, due to cross to-day.

MISCHIEF-MAKING IN HOLLAND.

GERMAN CONSUL'S BULLETINS.

London, April 7. It now appears that the excitement prevailing in Amsterdam last week was due to the German Consul who distributed bulletins stating that the British Government had sent an ultimatum to Holland.

The Consul himself explaining that he believed the information, which came from The Hague. He now hears that there is merely a possibility of such an ultimatum.

Later, The *Het Volk* (Amsterdam) demands the recall of the German Consul.

The railwayman have again been granted leave indicating that the crisis is less grave.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

PIERCE FIGHTING AT VERDUN.

Paris, April 6. Great enemy activity in the region of Verdun is recorded in today's French *communiqué*, which says that west of the Meuse, following a most violent bombardment in the region between Avocourt and Bethincourt, a series of attacks with the largest numbers were made on the two principal salients on this front. All the enemy attempts against the village of Bethincourt were broken by the French fire.

The enemy, after repeated reverses and bloody sacrifices, gained a footing in the village of Haccourt, which the French are keeping under fire from their dominating positions.

The French effected a successful attack north of Avocourt, and took much ground and numbers of prisoners.

East of the Meuse, two enemy attacks north of Bois Caillotte were repulsed with serious losses. A French *comp-d-main* in Argonne inflicted considerable losses on the enemy.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING AT DOUAMONT.

Paris, April 7. The evening *communiqué* says:—The Germans persistently bombarded the Bethincourt salient and Poivre Hill. This forested an attack, but our curtain of fire prevented the enemy from emerging.

Hand-to-hand fighting south-west of Douaumont Fort enabled us to advance to enemy trenches at a distance of 200 yards on a front of 300 yards.

There was artillery activity in Lorraine and in Woëvre.

STRUGGLE AT ST. ELOI.

CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

London, April 7. A British *communiqué* says that early in the morning, after a very heavy bombardment, the enemy attacked our new trenches at St. Eloi. There was fighting all through the day, and it still continues. A small hostile raiding party entered one of our trenches at Hooge, but was promptly ejected.

Both armies have been active about Lieven, Lens, and south of Boesinghe.

AEROPLANES FROM THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

London, April 7. In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced the gift of six more aeroplanes from the Straits Settlements and the Malay States, making 16 in all and also a second machine from Mr. Aime Baker, the organizer of the Fund.

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN RAID.

ONE RAIDER REPORTED HIT.

London, April 6. The War Office announces that three Zeppelins last night visited the coast. The first was driven off after dropping five bombs without causing any damage or casualties. Observers say the Zeppelin was hit by gunfire. The second appeared at another locality at sea in the evening, but no bombs were dropped. The third did slight damage. A total of 34 explosive and 24 incendiary bombs were dropped. One child was killed, and two men, two women and five children were injured. No military damage was done.

THE AIR COMMITTEE.

London, April 6. It is reported that Lord Derby has resigned the chairmanship of the Air Committee as he feels that, as Director of Recruiting, he is unable to devote adequate time to the work; also that the powers of the Committee, which aimed at coordinating the Naval and Military air-services, are too small. It is stated the post may be offered to Lord Curzon.

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE WARFARE.

SPAIN PROTESTS.

Madrid, April 6. Spain has protested to Germany against the torpedoing of the *Sussex* in which several Spaniards were lost and of the Spanish merchantman *Figo* in the Bay of Biscay.

GERMAN CALLOUSNESS.

NO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE.

London, April 6. The uparmed Manchester steamer *Zent* was torpedoed without warning and sunk. The Captain and ten of the crew were rescued; 49 were drowned and two died of injuries sustained in the explosion. Boats were launched, but capsized owing to the headway. The submarine's crew did not attempt to rescue them.

THE TORPEDOING OF THE "MINNEAPOLIS."

London, April 6. Eighty survivors of the *Minneapolis* arrived in London on the 27th and 30th March. They state that the liner was torpedoed amidships, the explosion killing twelve in the engine-room. The vessel sank in 40 hours. Many of the crew were thrown into the sea and were picked up after several hours. The submarine was not seen.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP ENCOUNTERS "BRESLAU."

RUSSIAN SUBMARINE'S GOOD WORK. Petrograd, April 7. In the Black Sea a submarine sank a steamer and eleven sailing vessels laden with coal. A battleship bombarded the *Breslau*, which fled.

THE RUSSIAN OPERATIONS.

Petrograd, April 7. A *communiqué* says:—A Russian aviator brought down a German dirigible south-west of Dinik. There has been some fighting in the Upper Stryk region. The Russians occupied a village in which they seized land mines and much ammunition.

PRICES OF PIG-IRON FIXED.

London, April 7. It is officially announced that the Minister of Munitions has been considering the prices of the materials used and produced in the iron and steel industries, and has now fixed maximum prices for all classes of pig-iron based on the abnormal conditions prevailing.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING IMPORTANT STEP.

London, April 6. The fact that the Government are considering the adoption of universal service is evident from a statement by Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons to-night. The Premier announced that the Government are examining figures of recruits obtainable under the present system and are estimating the further number that will be necessary. The Government will pay full regard to all the factors in the situation. He would announce the decision before Easter.

A MONTH OF AERIAL WARFARE.

GERMANS LOSE 25 AND FRENCH 13.

Paris, April 7. A *communiqué* says that during March the French aviators were most active and brought down 21 German machines, nine of which were in our lines, and four others were brought down by anti-aircraft guns. The French lost 13 machines, 12 of which fell in the German lines. The German aviators were ordered to fly as little as possible over the French lines.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

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MESOPOTAMIA CAMPAIGN.

NEW COMMANDER'S SUCCESS.

FIVE LINES OF TURKISH TRENCHES CARRIED.

London, April 6. The War Office announces that the Tigris Corps, under the command of Lieut.-General Goringe, who has succeeded Major-General Aylmer, attacked Umelbannah. Our trenches had been pushed forward by 300 to 400 yards of the enemy's positions. The leading battalions of the 13th Division then rushed the enemy's first and second lines.

The third line was captured by six o'clock in the morning. Under the support of a concentrated artillery and machine-gun fire, the 13th Division continued its victorious advance, and drove the Turks from their fourth and fifth lines by seven o'clock in the morning.

Aeroplane reported that the enemy was strongly reinforcing his entrenchments at Falahiyah and Fannay Yat, respectively 6,000 and 12,000 yards from Umelbannah.

As these positions could only be approached over the most open ground General Goringe ordered further attack to be deferred until the evening.

In the meantime General Keary's 3rd Division had captured the trenches opposite Falahiyah.

The enemy's counter-attack in the afternoon with infantry, cavalry and guns, was repulsed.

General Goringe in the evening advanced on the left bank and carried the Falahiyah positions.

ANTI-RUMANIAN CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA.

RUMANIA MAKES REPRESENTATIONS TO THE ENTENTE.

Bukharest, April 7. Rumania is annoyed at the persistent anti-Rumanian campaign in the Bulgarian Press. The Bulgarian Minister at Bukharest is accused of provoking agitation against Rumania's lately acquired territory at Dobruja, and news is also published to the effect that six Bulgarian divisions have been despatched to threaten Dobruja.

The Rumanian public demand the Bulgarian Minister's recall. The Rumanian Government has called the attention of the Entente Cabinets to the sentiments of Bulgaria. BULGARIA'S MENACING TONE.

Bukharest, April 6. The Rumanian Parliament is remaining in session owing to the critical situation which has arisen with Bulgaria. The latter is adopting a menacing tone. The Rumanian Government are taking all measures to deal in the quickest manner with any possible surprise by Bulgarian troops.

"TAKATA-MARU"—"SILVER SHELL" COLLISION.

In the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, before Mr. Justice Baygrave Deane, sitting with two of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, an action was heard arising out of a collision during a fog in the North Atlantic Ocean between the oil tank steamer *Silver Shell*, belonging to the Shell Company of California, and the liner *Takata Maru*, owned by the Nippon Kaishaiki Kaisha. The collision took place on Feb. 1 when the *Silver Shell*, was bound from New York to Danzig with 8,000 tons of benzine. The *Takata Maru*, which was on a voyage from London to New York with general cargo, was struck on the starboard side by the stem and starboard by the *Silver Shell*. She received so much damage that she foundered.

His Lordship pronounced both vessels equally to blame for proceeding at an excessive speed in the fog, and decreed that each side should bear a moiety of the total damages.

MANCHESTER PIECE GOODS TRADE.

Messrs James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, in their report dated March 2nd says:—

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There has been a fair amount of business done in Piece Goods for China which has come as a welcome relief to the migration which has continued for a month past. These makers who have to go to Spinners have been doing well, while Grey Shirtings are now being enquired for at low figures, but limits will no doubt soon be increased when it is found impossible to come to terms at present prices. The bulk of the business done however seems to have gone to makers who spin their own yarn, which firms are inclined to base on lower yarn prices in order to keep their looms running. These makers who have to go to Spinners are bound to quote on the basis of dear yarns and find themselves considerably out in price even without putting on a small margin of profit.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

JAPAN AND THE CHINESE SALT REVENUE.

Peking, April 7. Japan has taken a serious step, with-holding from China the surplus salt revenue amounting to \$5,000,000 deposited in the Yokohama Specie Bank, on the plea that the critical situation in China is endangering the salt revenues.

It is understood that the British, Russian, French, and German Banks have not refused to hand over their amounts in accordance with the Loan Agreement.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

THE INDEPENDENCE OF KWANGTUNG.

RECEPTION OF THE NEWS IN Peking.

Peking, April 8. General Chang Chai Kwong's report has been received. He says that owing to the force of public opinion he has been compelled to declare independence. The Cantonese in the capital are arranging to celebrate the event.

It is reported that the Province of Hunan declared its independence yesterday. Confirmation is expected at any moment.

THE ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL CATECHISED.

Admiral Cameron McRae Winslow U.S.N., commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet, gave evidence recently before the House Committee on Naval Affairs. The subject of armed merchantmen was very fully introduced into the proceedings of the Naval Committee by Representative Fred A. Britten, republican, of Illinois, who believes that armed merchantmen should have the status of men-of-war.

Representative Lemuel P. Fudge, democrat, of Tennessee, chairman of the committee, was anxious to prevent this discussion in the committee, but Mr. Britten took the chairman unawares.

Mr. Britten suggested that Rear Admiral Albert W. Grant, U.S.N., had told the committee that the German submarines had done their most effective work within one mile of the ships they attacked and had even fired their torpedoes at a distance of only one thousand yards.

"I heard of an instance where the firing was done at a distance of two hundred yards," said Admiral Winslow.

Mr. Britten got the officer to say that the submarine before attacking a single ship would try to get very close to it without being observed, and then asked:—

"Under those conditions it would not require a large gun to sink a submarine, would it?"

"I would not," replied the Admiral.

"Then any small gun such as a rapid fire gun or a one-pounder would do."

"Yes."

"Then a one-pounder or a rapid fire gun would destroy a submarine as quickly and as effectively as if the same gun were mounted on board a battleship, assuming the gun to be mounted on board a merchant ship?"

"A one-pounder projectile would seriously injure a submarine and might destroy it," said the Admiral.

"And there is no question that it would destroy it, is there?"

"I said it might destroy it—it was not certain to destroy it. It would be certain to penetrate it."

"When a merchant ship is armed with a gun of such a size is it not a war ship?"

"I am not an international lawyer and I do not think it proper for me to answer that question."

"Where would you draw the line between a war ship and a merchantman if both were armed?"

"As I said before, that is not a naval question, but one of international law."

Mr. Britten asked several other questions, each one of which was designed to get the officer's opinion on the legal question, and finally he said:—

"I might say that I have studied some international law and I have an opinion on this matter, but I do not think it proper for me to express it at a time like this, when the question is so acute."

"The President is the best judge of that question and the only one to determine it," remarked Mr. Fudge.

"Then the President explains it," sarcastically remarked Mr. Britten. The Admiral looked relieved when the discussion got back to naval matters.

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